

For the Love of God

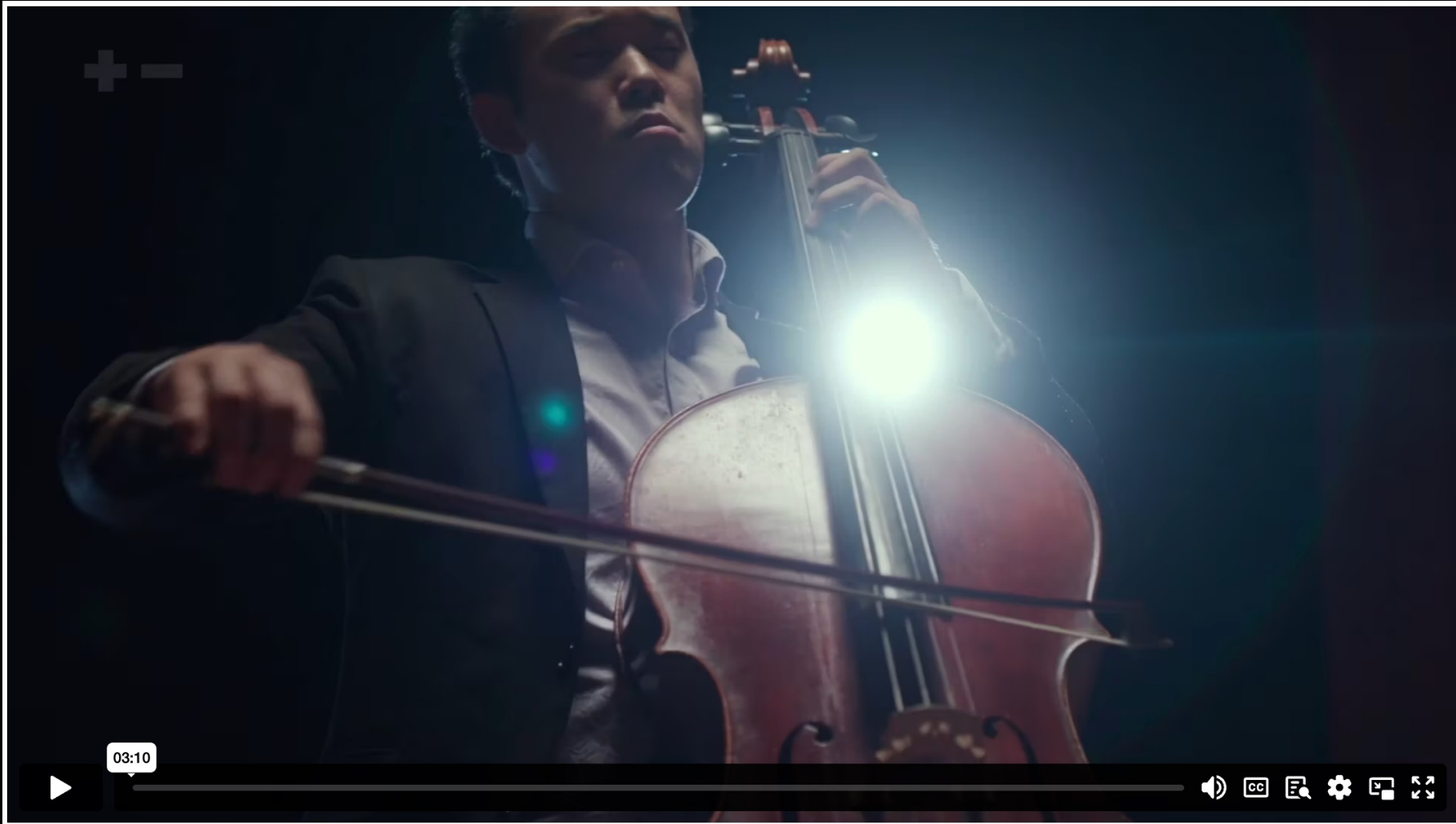
# 'HOW TO JUDGE THE CHURCH'

A Musical Analogy

**Is it right to judge a religion on the basis of how its adherents behave?**



**Should we judge the  
quality of a song based on  
a bad performance?**





# Compare & Contrast

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Christianity's... ethic of love  
has given us much of what  
we value most in the world  
today.

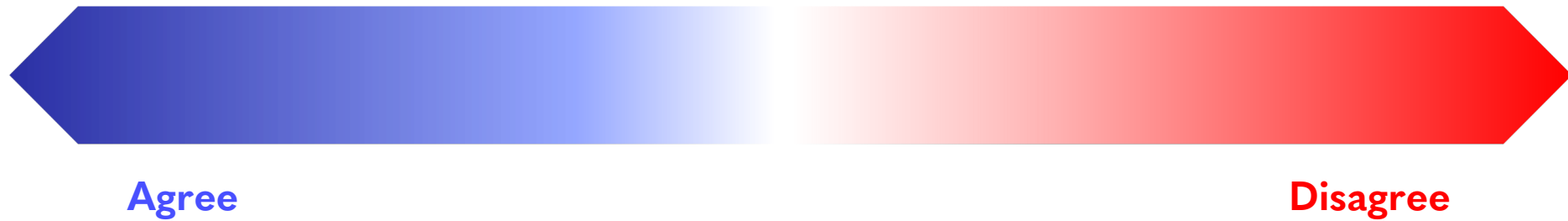


# Pineapple should never be found on Pizza





# You can't call chess a sport



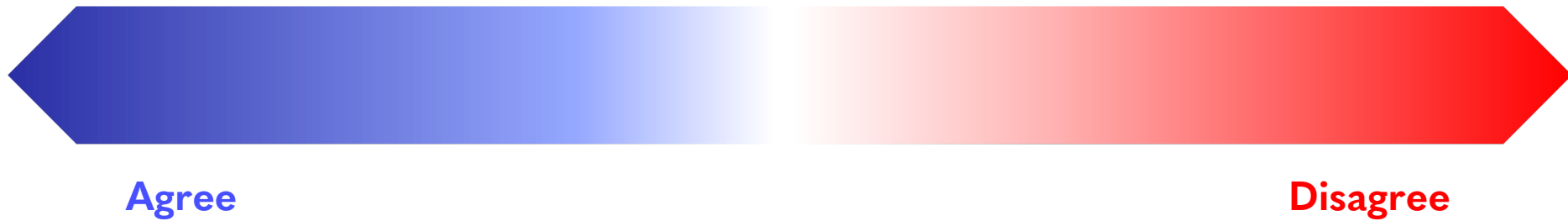
# The moon landing never really happened



**Marvel movies are an  
insult to our intelligence.**



**Jesus Christ shouldn't be  
dismissed on account of his  
followers' sins**



# Christianity loses credibility when Jesus' followers behave badly



# Christians should behave better than non-Christians



## Jesus:

“<sup>27</sup> ‘But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

## Jesus:

“<sup>19</sup> Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. <sup>20</sup> Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. <sup>21</sup> Your heart will always be where your treasure is.”



## Jesus:

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> “The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. <sup>3</sup> So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don’t follow their example. For they don’t practice what they teach. <sup>4</sup> They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.

<sup>5</sup> “Everything they do is for show. On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and they wear robes with extra long tassels. <sup>6</sup> And they love to sit at the head table at banquets and in the seats of honour in the synagogues. <sup>7</sup> They love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces, and to be called ‘Rabbi.’

<sup>8</sup> “Don’t let anyone call you ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one teacher, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters. <sup>9</sup> And don’t address anyone here on earth as ‘Father,’ for only God in heaven is your Father. <sup>10</sup> And don’t let anyone call you ‘Teacher,’ for you have only one teacher, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup> The greatest among you must be a servant. <sup>12</sup> But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.



THE BIBLE HAS INSPIRED GENOCIDE, TORTURE, AND MURDER. IT HAS INSPIRED COVER-UPS AND PAEDOPHILES, RACE HATRED, HOMOPHOBIA, AND MISOGYNY. IT CONTINUES TO FUEL ALL THESE THINGS IN MANY PLACES AROUND THE WORLD. THERE IS NOTHING "BEAUTIFUL AND POSITIVE" ABOUT THE BIBLE – IT IS A BOOK OVERFLOWING WITH HATRED, PETTY JEALOUSY, REVENGE, AND SICKENING VIOLENCE.

Comment from "**Mitor the Bold**" in response to one of the Centre for Public Christianity's articles.

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